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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

For the examiner's convenience, all pending claims are set forth in the following listing of claims and have been amended where noted:

## <u>Listing of Claims:</u>

- (Currently Amended) A brake control system for a wheel of a vehicle in motion, 1. comprising:
- an accelerometer attached to the vehicle and configured to measure a linear [[a)]] deceleration of [[the]] a vehicle body and output a measured deceleration signal;
  - [[b)]] a brake pressure sensor configured to output a brake pressure signal; and
  - [[c)]] a brake controller configured to:

receive the measured a plurality of deceleration signals signal from the accelerometer and calculate a change in measured linear deceleration over time;

receive the brake pressure signal and calculate a change in an applied brake pressure; and

calculate a brake pressure adjustment signal using the calculated change in measured linear deceleration over time and the calculated change in applied brake pressure.

(Currently Amended) A method for controlling a braking operation of a wheel of a 2. vehicle in motion, comprising:

applying brake pressure to a wheel of a vehicle body;

measuring a linear deceleration of the vehicle body;

measuring the brake pressure applied to the wheel;

increasing the brake pressure to the wheel after the brake pressure has been applied, wherein the brake pressure to the wheel is increased from a first time frame to a second time frame;

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calculating a change in <u>linear</u> deceleration of the vehicle <u>body</u> from [[a]] <u>the</u> first time frame to [[a]] <u>the</u> second time frame;

calculating a change in the measured brake pressure applied to the wheel from the first time frame to the second time frame; and

reducing the brake pressure applied to the wheel when the calculated change in measured linear deceleration becomes negative and the calculated change in measured brake pressure applied to the wheel is greater than or equal to zero.

- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the measured change in linear deceleration is calculated computed as a vector equal to a hypotenuse in a right-angle triangle where longitudinal and lateral acceleration deceleration are equal to sides adjacent to the right-angle of the triangle.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the vehicle <u>body</u> is an aircraft.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the wheel brake is <u>further</u> comprising an automatic brake <u>configured to receive the brake pressure adjustment signal</u>.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the wheel brake is <u>further</u> comprising a manual brake <u>configured</u> to receive the brake pressure adjustment signal.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the vehicle <u>body</u> is an aircraft.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the brake pressure is applied with an automatic brake.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the brake pressure is applied with a manual brake.

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(Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the measured change in linear 10. deceleration over time is calculated computed as a vector equal to a hypotenuse in a right-angle triangle where longitudinal and lateral acceleration deceleration are equal to sides adjacent to the right-angle of the triangle.

- (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the measured change in linear 11. deceleration over time comprises is a vehicle longitudinal deceleration acceleration, lateral deceleration acceleration, [[or]] vertical deceleration acceleration, or a combination thereof.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the brake controller is further adapted to determine a maximum braking capability of the vehicle body using the measured change in linear deceleration of the vehicle body.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the vehicle deceleration signal comprises at least one of a vehicle longitudinal, lateral, [[or]] and vertical deceleration acceleration data.
- (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the brake controller is further 14. adapted to output deceleration data to a data storage file or a display.
- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the measured change in linear 15. deceleration over time comprises is a vehicle longitudinal deceleration acceleration, lateral deceleration acceleration, [[or]] vertical deceleration acceleration, or a combination thereof.
- (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a braking operation of a vehicle body, 16. comprising:

applying brake pressure to a wheel of the vehicle body:

increasing the brake pressure to the wheel for a length of time;

calculating a change in linear deceleration of the vehicle body over the length of time; The method of claim 2, further comprising

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determining a maximum braking capability of the vehicle <u>body</u> using the <u>calculated</u> <u>change in linear deceleration of the vehicle body over the length of time; and</u>

varying the brake pressure applied to the wheel based on the determined maximum braking capability of the vehicle body.

- 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein brake pressure applied to the wheel is reduced by a predetermined pressure increment.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the measured linear deceleration of the vehicle <u>body</u> represents information about optimal braking capability of the vehicle <u>body</u> when the calculated change in <u>measured linear</u> deceleration becomes negative and the calculated change in <u>measured</u> brake pressure applied to the wheel is greater than or equal to zero.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein further comprising measuring velocity of the vehicle, and applying the brake pressure applied to the wheel is reduced only when velocity of the vehicle body is greater than zero.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the brake pressure <u>applied</u> to the wheel is increased incrementally.